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TAGS: PINT, PL

SUBJ: PYJAS'S DEATH

1. A WESTERN PRESS CORRESPONDENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT WORKERS DEFENSE COMMITTEE (WDC) SPOKESWOMAN HALINA MIKOLAJSKA MET WITH THE PRESS ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND DISCUSSED THE WDC'S DOUBTS ABOUT THE CAUSE OF THE DEATH OF STANISLAW PYJAS. THE MOST OBVIOUS REASON FOR SUSPICION, ACCORDING TO MIKOLAJSKA, IS THE DURATION OF THE INVESTIGATION AND THE EXTRAORDINARY SECRECY SURROUNDING IT. SHE SAID THE WDC HEARD FROM AN UNOFFICIAL SOURCE THAT THE INVESTIGATORS HAD RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITIES THAT PYJAS DIED AT THE HANDS OF THE KRAKOW POLICE OR FROM A FALL.

2. A RELIABLE POLISH SOURCE TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON JUNE 28 THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PYJAS'S
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DEATH OARE MORE CLOUDY THAN FIRST THOUGHT. HE CLAIMED THAT PERSISTENT RUMORS POINT TO FILM ACTOR AND NOWA HUTA THEATER DIRECTOR, RYSZARD FILIPSKI, AS HAVING SOME CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH. OUR SOURCE SPECULATED THAT THE REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION APPOINTED BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, AND PERSONALLY HEADED BY THE JUSTICE MINISTER, COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

3. COMMENT: INFORMED OPINION IS NO LONGER QUITE SO QUICK TO
BLAME PYJAS'S DEATH ON THE SECURITY SERVICES. EVERYONE
AGREES THAT PYJAS WAS MURDERED, AND PROBABLY WITHOUT PRE-
MEDITATION; BUT WHO DID IT, AND WHY, CONTINUES TO BE
ANYONE'S GUESS. THE EPISCOPATE APPARENTLY IS WITHHOLDING
JUDGMENT. ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION IS A
RESPECTED, INDEPENDENT LAWYER, WHO FREQUENTLY REPRESENTS
THE KRAKOW DIOCESE. END COMMENT.
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